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SUBJECT: DRA CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

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1. AT 1930 HOURS EMBASSY RECEIVED XEROX COPIES OF MESSAGES FROM THE DRA SUPPOSEDLY TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE YESTERDAY. TEXTS FOLLOW:

2. "HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT J. CARTER, WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON: ON THE OCCASION OF VERY SAD AND SHOCKING INCIDENT OF THE VIOLENT DEATH OF AMBASSADOR ADOPH DUBS RESULTING FROM A COWARDLY ACT OF A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS WHILE I AND MY GOVERNMENT CONVEY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MRS. DUBS AND THE BEREAVED FAMILY I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY OUR SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE LATE AMBASSADOR DUBS HOWEVER DUE TO VERY UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES HE SUCCEUMED TO THE WOUNDS INFLECTED ON HIM BY THE TERRORISTS.

"ONCE MORE I EXPRESS MY DEEP REGRETS FOR THE SAD AND UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH CAUSED THE DEMISE OF YOUR VERY ABLE AMBASSADOR AND A GOOD FRIEND OF MY COUNTRY. SINCERELY, NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT  
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THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN."

3. "HIS EXCELLENCY CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.: DUE TO THE TRAGIC AND UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS I CONVEY MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO MRS. DUBS AND HIS BEREAVED FAMILY. I ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT NO EFFORTS WERE SPARED BY THE AFGHAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE LATE AMBASSADOR DUBS FROM THE COWARDLY ACT OF THE ARMED TERRORISTS WHO TOOK HIM HOSTAGE AND INFLECTED ON HIM WOUNDS RESULTING IN HIS SUBSEQUENT DEATH. "ONCE AGAIN I CONVEY MY DEEP SORROWS AND REGRETS ON THE SAD DEMISE OF YOUR VERY ABLE AMBASSADOR WHO WAS KNOWN AS A GOOD FRIEND OF AFGHANISTAN. SINCERELY, HAFIZULLAH AMIN, VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN." ARSTUTZ

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